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The following information on Soviet offices and units in the Potsdam area from 21 to 26 March 1950 was obtained:

1. Potsdam Central Kommandatura:

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Commanding officer: Colonel Olifer

Location: Strasse der Jugend (formerly Kurfuerstenstrasse)

The Kommandatura was primarily staffed with new officers. Lieutenant Colonel Babinin, Major Beloyenko, Major Kovalenko and Captain Kolesnik had been relieved and repatriated to the Soviet Union. Major Krivonov, Political officer and Captain Pachomov were still assigned to the kommandatura.

The Central Kommandatura has recently shifted its main effort to the interrogation of German civilians. All other duties seem to have been considerably reduced. German interpreters were given notice of dismissal. The Kommandatura officers were no longer billeted in the Kommandatura "Gorodok" billets, but in the Jaegerallee barracks. The former "Gorodok" billets were converted into office rooms. (1)

2. Accounting Office:

Allegedly a central accounting or paymaster's office.

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Location: Pappelallee, corner Jaegerallee, opposite the Adolf Hitler Kaserne.

Officers: Major Kaskov, Chief of the Office  
Captain Korotki, 1st Deputy Chief  
Lieutenant Kusain, Liaison Officer

A branch office is in Stahnsdorf (N 53/2 73). Captain Viktorov, supply officer, wearing black-bordered golden epaulets, was

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identified there. (2)

3. Material Procurement Office OMTG:

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Main administration: Berlin-Karlshorst (Formerly Berlin-Friedrichsfelde)

Potsdam office: 5 - 7 Leipzigerstrasse

The OMTG is the central administration agency of the SCC for the entire Soviet Zone of Germany. (3)

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4. [REDACTED] in the Honenlohe Kaserne, Potsdam-Medlitz. (4)

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5. [REDACTED] identified in Potsdam for the first time in December 1949. An officer of this unit wore red-bordered golden epaulets, a private red-bordered black epaulets. (4)

6. Saitsev Economy, in the Ruinberg Kaserne on Pappelallee, Potsdam. Instead of Colonel Saitsev Sds Maj Mamrai has signed documents of this unit since mid-March 1950. (5)

7. Kaitmazov Economy, Soviet hospital on Ernst Thaelmannstrasse, Potsdam-Babelsberg. Since mid-February 1950 the hospital has been in the former Dr. Simm sanatorium, which, until mid-November 1949 was occupied by the SMA Hospital. [REDACTED] the German personnel formerly employed with the SMA Hospital had been re-hired. Major Kaitmazov was head of the hospital. (6)

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8. [REDACTED] stationed in the Julius Kaserne on Medlitzerstrasse, Potsdam. As Pontoons were observed in the barracks area, the unit may be an engineer unit. (7)

9. Artillery unit in the Ludendorff Kaserne on Medlitzerstrasse Potsdam.

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Colonel Ostriko wearing artillery insignia and riding a passenger car [REDACTED] was barracks commandant. Lieutenant Kaufarin was identified as adjutant. (8)

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Comment:

The German 23rd Arty Regt had formerly been stationed in the Ludendorff Kaserne.

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(1) [REDACTED] and the officers ranking from major up to colonel are known.

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(2) [REDACTED] and all mentioned officers are unknown. [REDACTED] 25X1C

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[REDACTED] was probably mistaken for [REDACTED] which probably also belongs to a Potsdam accounting office, according to previous information. (9) 25X1C

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(3) The OMTG material procurement office of the SCC Brandenburg was confirmed at 5 - 7 Leipzigerstrasse. [REDACTED] 25X1C

[REDACTED] is assigned to the Potsdam GORG Supply and Administration Section, according to other reports. The OMTG material procurement office may be subordinate to the GORG section.

(4) [REDACTED] are not known.

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(5) A Colonel Saltsev is known to be stationed in Potsdam.

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(6) The information confirms the dissolution of hospital

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(7) [REDACTED] was previously observed in Berlin Kaserne Potsdam. It is presumably assigned to the engineer unit quartered in the barracks.

(8) The mentioned officers are not known.

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